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why I support it and why I prioritized. I was going to prioritize raising the unemployment compensation level, we're 49th out of 50 states. It's pretty embarrassing. It if wasn't for the deep south, I think we'd be 50th in most of those categories. But anyway, that's beside the point. I thought...maybe we could bring it up to, maybe, 37th out of 50. Pretty radical move. But I was the last senator to prioritize a bill. Boy, don't let that happen. Raikes, don't let that happen to you. Prioritize early, because I got a call on the phone from our Governor and he said, no one has prioritized the income tax cut yet. Senator Hilgert, would you be interested in doing that? And I said "yes". I said "yes". I was all set to do the unemployment compensation because, of course...Senator Maurstad's correct. You know, this does help some economic development. I would differ about the having people be able to buy insurance because this is a deduction. You had to have insurance in order to deduct it, but that's beside the point. Our taxes generally are too high. Our government is too large. We could be more efficient. We could provide better and more efficient services at a cheaper rate. I believe that. We can make...you know, cliché being aside, the good life better. So, I really didn't sell my soul or anything to have this prioritized, LB 401. Without it, we wouldn't be discussing it here today without that priority at that time. And I was also assured by different parties that we'd all come together and work out a nice compromise on raising the unemployment compensation level. Well, as you know, that didn't happen. I hope it does next year. I hope maybe some of the individuals that are most interested in organizations, that are most interested in LB 401, can considering negotiating and compromising and getting together for a bill that would raise unemployment compensation from the bottom, bottom of the heap, bottom of the heap, to maybe...all the way up to maybe top 37. Maybe 36. I hope they remember next year, and maybe that we'll work together on something. A little bit more aggressive than the "compromise" that was attempted this session. So I haven't been all that chipper during this debate. Some of you noticed that and I thought I'd explain why. But I believe my word's important, and I gave my word that I would support this bill, and I will, and I encourage the membership to vote against the...